

Subject: Please support HB 6840 and bike and pedestrian funding

To the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee:

As a member of Bike Walk Connecticut, I support the Governor's proposals to develop and fund a first-rate active transportation network of bike lanes, greenways, multiuse paths, and pedestrian infrastructure in Connecticut. Please support HB 6840.

- Biking and walking are cost-effective ways to reduce traffic congestion and the health care costs of inactivity.
- Bike lanes, sidewalks and greenways cost a fraction of what it costs to build and maintain wider roads. People want to bike and walk more, but many don't feel safe without bike lanes, greenways and sidewalks.
- Since transportation is the biggest contributor to greenhouse gases in Connecticut, consider that biking and walking couldn't be greener ways to get around. Active transportation must be a key piece of our climate action plan.

Connecticut can become a great place to bike and walk. Please support HB 6840.

Thank you.

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